GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a chain of middlemen including recruiting agents in India and foreign security contractors have recruited some Indians with promise of jobs in Gulf countries;

(b) if so, whether the Indian workers had to pass through five different levels of sub-contractors and employment agents before being employed;

(c) if so, whether the Government has conducted any inquiry against such middlemen and the agents located in the country including Mumbai who sent Indians to Iraq;

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps the Government has taken or intends to take to protect all those Indians who are working in Iraq and the arrangements being made by the Indian Government to bring them back?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir. Reports were received that some unscrupulous recruiting agents, registered and unregistered had recruited some Indians with promise of jobs in Gulf countries.

(b); There are no such reports.

(c) & (d):Yes, Sir. On this basis of inquiry, Show-Cause Notices were issued and the Registration Certificate of the concerned Recruiting Agent was suspended. Complaints were also filed with the Police against unregistered recruiting agents.

(e): In consideration of the security conditions prevailing in Iraq, the Government has suspended emigration clearance/suspension to Indian nationals applying for going to Iraq w.e.f. 15.04.2004. All Indian nationals have been advised to defer their travel to Iraq. In case of those who are already in Iraq, Embassy of India promptly takes action whenever any Indian national approaches the Embassy for any kind of help, including their repatriation to India.